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Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., et al. of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*  
Docket No. 04-00046

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's *Affidavit of James Meza for Permission to Practice Pro Hac Vice*. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., et al. of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*

Docket No. 04-00046

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MEZA**  
**FOR PERMISSION TO PRACTICE *PRO HAC VICE***

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, James Meza, attorney for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (hereinafter "BellSouth"), hereby makes the following statement regarding his appearance as counsel *pro hac vice* in the above-referenced case on behalf of BellSouth:

1. The undersigned, James Meza, has a residence address of 1134 Stillwood Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30306, and a business address of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Suite 4300, 675 West Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30375.

2. The undersigned desires to enter an appearance on behalf of the BellSouth in the above-referenced matters.

3. The undersigned is in-house counsel for BellSouth.

4. The undersigned is currently licensed, is in good standing, and is admitted to practice in the State of Louisiana and no disciplinary actions or investigation of James Meza's conduct is pending.

5. The undersigned agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of this Authority in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before this Authority.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

  
James Meza

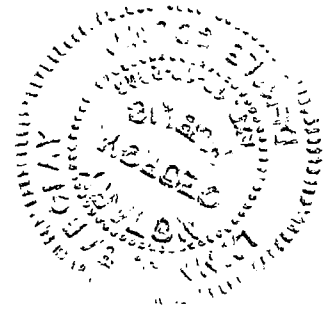
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

  
Notary Public

**My Commission Expires:**

~~Elynn Barclay~~  
Notary Public, DeKalb County, Georgia

My Commission Expires August 13, 2006



## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

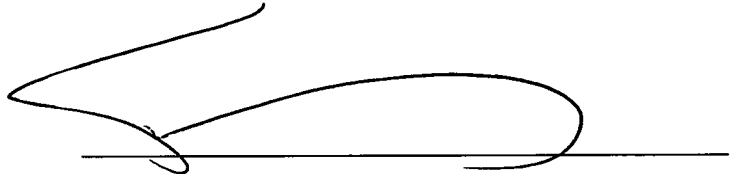
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